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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 14, 2007

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed September 14, 2007, for which the shortened three-month statutory response date is December 14, 2007. This response is being filed within two months of the Final Office Action, therefore, it is timely filed.

If an extension of time is required to enable this paper to be timely filed and there is no separate Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith, this paper is to be construed as also constituting a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for a period of time sufficient to enable this document to be timely filed.

No fee(s) is believed to be due as a result of this response. However, should any other fee(s) under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason, the

Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from PTO Deposit Account No. 09-0447/AUS920030914US1.